

LOS ANGELES BLACKED OUT

BOMBS FIRE JAP BATTLESHIP

Lone U.S. Plane Does Damage

Large Nippon Warcraft Left Blazing After Hits; Enemy Gains Foothold at Some Points in Luzon, but Repulsed With Heavy Losses in One Sector;

MANILA, Dec. 11 (Thursday.) (U.P.)—An Army communique today said that an Army bomber had scored three direct hits on a Japanese battleship of the Hiranuma 29,000-ton class at a point 10 miles northeast of Northern Luzon. A fire was started on the ship. Two bombs also dropped close alongside the ship, the communique said.

The battleship was said to be blazing fiercely when the bomber left the scene.

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Thursday.) (U.P.)—Radio Vichy broadcast today that the Navy Department in Tokyo had announced that a Japanese warship was sunk yesterday.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Japanese invaders landed in strong force yesterday on the northern coast of Luzon but were thrown back with heavy losses in one attempted landing on the west side of that strategic main island in the Philippines. Fighting continued early today and there were new air raids on several sections of the island.

The Japs, in addition to sinking two great British war vessels off Malaya—the 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and the 32,000-ton battle cruiser Repulse, possibly through the suicidal sacrifice of "human torpedoes," apparently captured the British air base of Kota Bharu above Singapore in Northern Malaya. But British defenses down the long peninsula to Singapore itself appeared to be holding firm.

The enemy was acknowledged to have made some penetration on the mainland defenses of the British crown colony and bastion of Hongkong, but were declared subsequently to have been halted.

NO HAWAII ATTACKS
There have been no new attacks on Hawaii.

Thus, on general balance, the day plainly was gray for the United States, Britain and their associates in the Pacific, but by no means all the shadows fell one way—for:

The Japanese drive on Hongkong was reported menaced by a Chinese offensive from the rear and against Japanese-held Canton.

JAPS LOSE PLANES
The American Air Force was lethally riding the skies over Manila; a communique announced that several Japanese planes were believed shot down in that vicinity and another reported to have been shot down.

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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES GROPE IN ITS FIRST BLACK-OUT



BROADWAY IN DARKNESS—Looking south on Broadway from First St., the news camera pictures a black cavern, broken here and there by shop signs which merchants were glow in turning out. Cars made light streaks. Times photo

Planes Search Skies for Japs

Southland Plunged Into Darkness as Army Reports Presence of Unidentified Aircraft; Searchlights Seen and Gunfire Reported

A gigantic black-out, covering the area from Bakersfield south to San Diego and eastward to Boulder City and Las Vegas, Nev., went into effect shortly after 8 o'clock last night on orders from the Army 4th Interceptor Command. It continued until 11:03 p.m.

As Los Angeles went dark amidst considerable confusion and uncertainty, the Interceptor Command announced: "This is not a practice black-out."

A yellow signal, indicating the approach of enemy air raiders, was flashed on the State-wide police teletype at 7:35 p.m. Police said this signal indicated the presence of unidentified airplanes approaching Los Angeles from the sea but did not necessarily mean they were enemy.

FORT GUNNERS SCRAMBLE TO POSTS

Anti-aircraft and machine gunners scrambled to their weapons at Ft. MacArthur, which was promptly placed on an "alert" basis.

Reports that the sound of gunfire was heard could not be verified from listening posts along the beach or at the harbor.

Definite indication that the Interceptor Command meant business by calling for the black-out was contained in a statement from a spokesman who said:

"There are planes over and south of Los Angeles that are unidentified. The area will remain blacked out until we can identify them."

PLANES SENT UP TO INVESTIGATE

When asked if Army planes had been sent aloft to contact these aircraft, the spokesman said:

"You can assume there have been."

Thousands of Angelenos, listening with straining ears for sounds of aircraft, were unable to distinguish sounds of motors, however.

A few minutes after the black-out was ordered, the flashing of what appeared to be Army searchlights was visible in the higher portions of Los Angeles, 25 miles from the water front.

Headquarters of the 4th Interceptor Command refused to comment on the black-out but said they had a report that unidentified airplanes were in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

CHRONOLOGY OF FIRST BLACK-OUT

Chronologically, the black-out swung into motion thusly: 7:35 p.m.—The Police Department switchboard received a yellow signal flash from the Aircraft Warning Service headquarters. This signal indicates that enemy air raiders are approaching.

7:36 p.m.—The police received telephone confirmation from the A.W.S. that the yellow signal was correct.

7:40 p.m.—It was announced by the A.W.S. that a black-out was to be put into immediate effect.

7:41 p.m.—Radio Station KFI, key station in times of emergency, was instructed by the Federal Communications Commission to broadcast a black-out signal.

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Rear Admiral Killed in Hawaii

Kidd Was Flag Secretary and on Kimmel's Staff; Headed Battleship Division

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (P)—The Navy today announced that Rear Admiral Isaac Campbell Kidd was killed in action in the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Sunday.

Kidd was flag secretary and aide on the staff of the commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, Admiral Husband Kimmel.

Admiral Kidd reported for duty as chief of staff and aide commander of battleships of the Battle Force on Feb. 3, 1940, and was in command of a battleship division of the Pacific Fleet at the time of the attack.

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British Save Hundreds of Sunken Ships' Crews

Sailors From Prince of Wales and Repulse Taken to Singapore by Destroyers

LONDON, Dec. 10. (P)—Several hundred survivors of the British battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse sunk by the Japanese in the South China Sea were rescued by destroyers and taken to Singapore, the British reported tonight only a few hours after Prime Minister Churchill and the Admiralty had confirmed that the huge war vessels had been destroyed.

The full story had not yet unfolded here tonight. There was no information as to how they had been destroyed aside from Japan's claim that they had gone down under air attack—an unprecedented feat, if true, recalling reports that Japanese pilots have been making "human torpedoes" of themselves by diving headlong at the objective.

Dispatches from Sydney reported that the loss of the 35,000-ton Prince of Wales and 32,000-ton Repulse had stunned the people of Australia and altered the whole conception of Australian preparations.

The Australian Prime Minister, John Curtin, immediately promulgated regulations for the conservation of vital stocks for essential services.

"There can no longer be business as usual in Australia," he proclaimed, "but only concentration on war production and war necessities. Frankly, the enemy's striking power in the air has given the enemy an initial momentum which only a maximum effort can arrest. There must be an end to holiday plans."

The commonwealth was warned to be ready for aerial or naval bombardment.

The Australian War Cabinet and War Advisory Council at Canberra today announced that the government had decided to ban the sale of any new automobile tires to the public until Dec. 22 to stop "a consumers' buying wave."

The order, effective tomorrow, was issued by Donald M. Nelson, priorities director, on the recommendation of the O.P.M.'s civilian supply division. "Severe penalties," the O.P.M. said, are provided for violation of the order.

"The prohibition means," the announcement explained, "that no new automobile, truck, bus, or motorcycle, farm implement or other type of tire or tube may be sold by anyone—including tire stores both wholesale and retail; filling stations, automobile dealers or any others—except on preference rating orders of A-3 or higher."

"The restriction, however," does not apply to the sale of used tires and tubes, retreaded tires, or to the sale of tires and tubes furnished with new or used automotive vehicles.

Although the prohibition on tire sales is effective until Dec. 22, the government has placed it in a position to meet any threat on both the East and West Coasts."

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Blazing Arrow Culprits Sought

Fiery Signs Indicating Seattle in Black-out Start Search for Saboteurs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (P)—The Army tonight announced it has ringed the nation with men and steel sufficient to "meet any threat" of invasion—and added that a search is on for fifth columnists following discovery of fires in the form of arrows pointed toward Seattle.

The fifth columnist search is on in the region of Port Angeles, Wash. In that vicinity, State police last night found and extinguished a series of fires, in the form of arrows pointed toward Seattle.

"Steps to augment the defense of both the East and West Coasts commenced Sunday night when the War Department placed plans in effect which have strengthened materially the forces already stationed in those areas," a communique said.

"The railroads aided greatly in the movement of troops and material, operating through trains to destinations on emergency schedules. In addition to the ground troops moved, the air force has completed a redistribution of air units which has placed it in a position to meet any threat on both the East and West Coasts."

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- SPORTS. Dodgers purchase Padgett and Rizzo. Page 19, Part I.
- Bruin football and basketball teams to travel despite war. Page 19, Part I.
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- Preparations made to provide air-raid shelters for Angelenos. Page 9, Part I.
- Japanese with maps and alien literature arrested. Page 8, Part I.
- Archduke Felix arrives here in interest of Free Austrians. Page 11, Part I.
- THE WEST. Pacific Coast cities mobilized for raid defense. Page 1, Part I.
- Clipper pilot says his plane struck by bullets at Wake Island. Page 7, Part I.
- REMEMBER THIS
The best brewed cup lacks the aroma of fresh ground coffee.

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- Army lists more casualties in Pacific. Page 3, Part I.
- Hull calls American republics for joint defense meeting. Page 7, Part I.
- All draft-deferred men probably will be reclassified. Page 8, Part I.
- Bomber production goal raised from 500 to 1000 per month. Page 9, Part I.
- Anti-strike legislation delayed pending conference of employers and employees. Page 13, Part I.
- THE WAR. United States bomber blasts Jap battleship. Invaders battled in Philippines. Page 1, Part I.
- Hundreds of British sailors on ships sunk by Japs saved. Page 1, Part I.
- Tokyo claims four American capital ships sunk. Page 2, Part I.
- Russia reports recapture of 10 villages. Page 4, Part I.
- British rejoin forces at Tobruk as foe driven west. Page 4, Part I.
- Tokyo land force drives wedge into Malaya but Singapore defenses hold. Page 4, Part I.

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Coast Mobilizes for Defense; Military Hunts Plane Carrier

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10. (U.P.)—Pacific Coast cities tonight mobilized for full wartime defense as the Army and Navy presumably hunted for a Japanese aircraft carrier they believed had sent scouting planes along the shore line.

Black-outs and radio shut-downs were general in California, Oregon and Washington. An air-raid alarm darkened California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border for 65 minutes before dawn today.

In San Francisco, the Ft. Miley Veterans Hospital on a hill near the Golden Gate ordered most of its patients evacuated. Dr. James Donnelly, director of the hospital, said he had been instructed by the Veterans Bureau to remove 300 of the 335 patients to homes and other veterans' hospitals. Special protection was arranged for the 35 remaining patients who were too ill to go.

Another black-out was ordered tonight from the British Columbia border to Roseburg, Or., by the 2nd Interceptor Command. The black-out will be in effect from 1:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. British Columbia ordered a black-out beginning at 5 p.m.

The Portland (Or.) City Council passed an ordinance providing a \$500 fine and six months in jail or both for violation of black-outs.

San Francisco's Wednesday morning black-out was much more successful than that of the previous night. Outdoor advertising signs were turned out at dusk and home and street lighting was almost eliminated. Seven windows in three downtown buildings were still lit.

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